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THE POET.

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Madlle in his "Infirmities of Genius" remarks, that poets are the most short-lived of literary characters, and insinuates the idea, that the constant exertion of the imagination is not only inimical to health, but the inevitable cause of premature death.

Thou dark-eyed, pensive passionate child of song!
Enthusiast! dreamer! worshipper of things
By the world's crowd unnoticed, 'mid the throng
Of beautiful creations Nature flings
The sunlight of existence on! The wings
Of the rude tempest are not felt so strong
As thy proud hopes—thy wild imaginings—
Shop! are their bold and meteorous flight
Beneath a too-dazzling height?
Venturing onward, till the flashing eye
Of Reason, grown deliriously bright,
Kindles to madness, and to misery;
And, from excessive light,
To hideous blindness fall, and tenfold night!

Stop, melancholy youth!
Though bright and sparkling be the tide of song,
And many a sunbeam o'er its waters dance
Meanderingly along—
Though in its silvery ripples thou art wont
To pour out the outblown feelings of thy soul,—yet, in truth,
A deadlier venom lurks in gay caprice,
(More dear, more strong,)
Than to the unblest poison doth belong!
A very demon haunts its fated site,
Infatuating with its serpent glance
The wanderer there;
And, with a and but bewitching smile,
Luring the credulous one to its desire;
Stirring new feelings, passions, hopes, awhile,
And burning thoughts, whose mad, unholy fire,
With its own atength enkindles its own funeral pyre!
Stop thee, and youth! since Life is not all care,
But, hath its hours of rosy-tinged delight!
Since the cold grave hath little but despair,
The weary, world-worn spirit to invite!—
Stop! I conjure thee! bid the muse away!
Her fatal gifts relinquish or resign;
Her hungry maniacs heed not nor obey!
Even now thy brow hath sorrow's pallid sign—
Time eye, though bright, is like the flickering ray
Of a dying anthem o'er some ruined shrine,
Lighting up vestiges almost divine,
In sad, yet dimly-beautiful decay!
Thy cheek is sunken, and the fickle play
Of the faint smile that curls thy parted lip,
Hath something fearful in it, though so gay,
A something treacherously calm, and deep;
Such as on sunny waters seems to sleep,
When hid beneath some passing shadow's gray,
The sable storm-friend watches for his prey.
Stop! ere thine hour of daliance be over!
Ere health abandon thee, and quench her light
In the dark stream of death—the faithless rover!

Ere Hope herself, take flight,
Down to the depth of that dark flowing river,
Whose sombre shores are clothed in endless night;
Ere thou be wrecked from thy bright, for ever—
Blotted like some loved planet, from our night;

And, save the ties,
That not e'en destiny itself can sever,
A feeble reminiscence, or a name,
Be all thou leav'st us of thee 'neath the skies—
Or some rude stone, perhaps, to greet our eyes,
And, with its speechless eloquence proclaim,
"Here lies
Another victim to thy love, O Fame!"

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HOURS OF IDLENESS.—No. II.

Inde mobilecitatum aliunt, sonecutum obiectam, secundae res ornant, adversae solatium et perfugium praebent; delectant domi, non impedient foras; pernoctant nobiscum, peregrinantur, rusticatur.—TULLY.

In the pursuit of literature, there is something truly fascinating. To cull the gay flowers of fiction, and imbibe the impassioned language of poetry, charms and delights the mind. To catch the breath of genius as it glows in all its glorious and heavenly fire, and to watch the play of the imagination, is a delightful task. But when this genius is the production of our own clime, fostered by our care, and brought to light by our exertions, and when this imagination is engaged in portraying the scenery of our native land, the beautiful lakes, rivers, mountains and valleys, there is a tinge of patriotism blended with the pleasure—we feel proud that America has produced men of genius.

When our forefathers threw off the yoke, which the tyranny of Mother Country had long imposed upon them, they did not, at the same time, free themselves from all the sentiments and opinions which there prevailed. And it was not natural. It is difficult to wean the mind from long established habits. They felt for their Great Britain a filial regard; they were accustomed to look up to her for protection and support; and when they found herself assuming the place of love, and tyranny, that of protection, they did need sunder the tie which united them, but it was with a sorrowful heart—it was like tearing the child from a beloved parent. Although after they became free, they no longer looked to her for assistance, protection or support, yet they were entirely dependent on her for intellectual sustenance. Literary works in America were scarce. The great and first works of these masters, I could not but feel a wish that some of my own countrymen were of the number! What reason is there, that our countrymen in the arts should be almost a blank! We have had reason, heretofore, it is true, on our poverty is the necessity too of seeking the useful before we thought of the beautiful;—but that day is now gone by. But few countries at the present moment are richer than ours. Italy is not so rich in active wealth,—none is so prosperous; and for this reason, therefore, it is time to adorn the *Useful* with the *Beautiful*, to mingle the one with the other, and to have an eye for ourselves that love for, that eminence in even the arts, which have in all by-gone days, distinguished all republics—none ever more promising than ours. But when, perhaps, you demand is in take the lead in this magnificent reformation?—Who is to provide the money and the men? Congress, it is certain, will never move but to a partial extent. The habits of the country will never lead them to the cultivation of the arts. They are not perhaps to be blamed, for coming from the various ends of so wide an empire, they cannot have an opportunity to foster that taste, and to create that enthusiasm that others have with better opportunities, who upon the little galleries of our sea board cities, often see something that approximates to the beauty we seek. Besides, the members of Congress are often afraid to do what their hearts would prompt them. Many of them are content to be led, and never think of leading. The securing of their own re-election is never to happen by the expenditure of money for the patronage of the arts: and unhappily it is—that politics and literature, science and the arts are not associated together with us, as they almost always are in Europe, but are often made irreconcilable enemies. We have no nobles by "the grace of God," and blessed be heaven that it is so;—but we have a precisely race of men who are to take their place, but in only the dog of their good. Our merchants are our princes, as in Venice and Genoa of old. They have the money of the country. They have its resources in their hands. The wide world is the sphere in which they act;—the ocean, not the land, forms the highway. Their enterprise is now the admiration of all mankind. The Rail Roads they have made, the canals they have cut the beauty of ship, of theirs which bears the pennon of all the civilized world, have given them a character as exalted as merchants can aspire to. But one other field of ambition have they then in which to crown themselves with princely honors,—to rank th mselves side by side with the high born nobles of this European world, and that is in the PATRONAGE OF THE ARTS. It is their duty as it is their gain. They alone can do it.—They alone have the means. They alone have the liberality. Upon them rest our hopes and expectations. What the Venetian merchants did for Venice, they must do for us; and if they will but imitate the bright example, the republican cities of the United States will soon be as brilliant as the proud republic of Venice. Let them unite together for this purpose. Boston ought to send at least ten of its young princes to Europe and pay their bills. New York could send twenty—Philadelphia fifteen—Baltimore ten,—and what would be the expense? Not eight hundred dollars a year for each—hardly five hundred in Boston;—and all the subscribers to such a scheme as would confer immortal honor upon its projectors, could be amply compensated by the copies of the great paintings of the day, which they might justly demand from the young men whom they sent out, as the recompense for the money advanced. Or out of these copies a public gallery may be formed; and thus we could see in America what Europe thinks so much of as we think of the Iliad of Homer or the Eneid of Virgil, or the Divine Comedy of Dante. In a republic like ours we should shine in the *Beautiful* as we do in the *Useful*. The highest efforts of intellect, with the hammer, the pen, the pencil and the chisel, are not incompatible with the greatest simplicity of manners, and the greatest equality of condition. While every American should even with the vengeance of a radical, cry down the incipient social aristocracy that is springing up,—while he should abhor and denounce the importation of European principles and fashions even with fanaticism—yet he should most at the same time spurn the cultivation and introduction of whatever advances us as men,—whatever adorns the intellect, or exalts the sentiment—whatever links itself in with, and purifies the tender associations of the heart, whether it be of Religion or Poetry, of Painting or of Sculpture. The whole intellect of our great country at the present moment, is absorbed in the *Useful*. *Utility* is the Juggernaut riding over every thing else. The *Beautiful* is trodden under it. *Intellect* is even chained in dragging the car. *Virtue*—*Religion* too, are in danger of becoming its victims. It is time then to cry for a change, to turn the crowd, to insist upon the alliance of the two, which alone can make a people good and great. The merchants of our great cities, whom commerce with the world has liberalized, and who can afford to be liberal too, are the men who must make the change.

I com back now to Bologna. My thoughts often run away with my pen, and carry it upon home and indeed I should do but little service in giving you but a catalogue of things here, if I did not so out of the beaten track of travel, I thought worth mentioning, and of the dead what I thought worth condemnation. If a wall of fire was between us and Europe, perhaps it would be well, for it may be that we copy more of the bad than the good. But to it is easy to copy what is mischievous, we must make new upon introduction what is beneficial, to consistent one with the other. Europe is full of instruction for us, though we delusively flatter ourselves that we are the wisest people in the world, and every lesson we wisely whether to follow or to shun it, will be to us a service. What then view, I am ever making comparisons, illustrations, and references,—and if they or our too often, or are too impertinent, or too amusing, the only excuse I can offer is, an over anxiety that I may fear to do good to a fond made dear to me every step I take from it. If other Americans who have been here, had from any connection with the press, been induced to do the like, I would not trouble you with a thought out of the range of my journey.

But enough of this—let us go on with my catalogue only. Bologna has its palaces as well as other Italian cities, and many of them are worth visiting for the beauty of the paintings within them. The subject that the painters have sought out there, are almost classical than religious, and therefore are interesting to me, for I am already weary of Saints, Madonnas, Magdalenes, "the Cross," "the Crown of Thorns," and a thousand others like, upon which Italian painters have exhausted all their efforts to decorate the churches. In one of these palaces that we visited, a little girl of about seven or eight years, acted as our guide through the rooms, and pointed out what was most beautiful in the frescoes, or the paintings, and telling us all about the men who painted them with a vivacity that interested us deeply. But this is not so very remarkable in a city, where the chairs of the University have been filled by female Professors, who were Professors of Greek, and of physic—lectures in anatomical preparations in the University here, famous for their execution, were the work of a woman. To this day women attend the lectures upon these preparations, under the cover of a mask, however, as they attend a ball. Instances indeed of the residence of many remarkable women, one an age when was renowned for her beauty in Lais, in which she attempted to prove that the first fault was committed by Adam, and not by Eve. The poet, who seduced and not the seducer—in which account, to show the contempt of the sex, she would never marry, but as others have said, because she could not, as she was behoving to do.

The University of Bologna was once among the most famous of the world, with its 6,000 students, and seventy two professors; but with the loss of its liberty, the University has its splendor. It is great, however, even to this day, and it is said to be an excellent place for the education of young men. Indeed, Bologna is one of the best places in the world for a father to educate his children in, as masters speaking of the European universities can be obtained, as it is the cheapest of the Italian cities to live in, and its good society is said to be among the best. Hotels are cheap. Provisions are cheap. Every thing is cheap, even as it is with us in our smaller cities and towns. And then Bologna is a pretty city too. The theatre is one of the largest in Italy. The buildings are beautifully built. Almost the whole of the city has magnificent arcades over its side-walks sheltering the pedestrian from the sun and the rain. These, undoubtedly, are the fruits of its republican liberty, when the man on foot was thought as much of as the man in his carriage. The Fountain of Neptune is the great square of the city, is one of its most remarkable ornaments. Tritons, Nymphs, Genii, and Dolphins, are all there, and Nymphs and dolphins are subject to the sway of his trident. But yet more remarkable than this are the two great leaning towers of the city, both built between 1110 and 1120, one being about 130 feet high, and leaning 8 feet out of the perpendicular, and the, other about 320 feet high, and two feet and a half out of the perpendicular.—They are both of brick and square in form, and have a frightful look as they thrown their shadows on the pavement beneath. But yet more curious than even this, in a range of arcades not less than three English miles in length, connecting with the Church of St. Sylvester on the summit of a mountain of the Appennines! The arches are one the steps 314 with fifteen lateral chapels, each painted with some incident in the life of the Virgin. The exposure must have been great to the pious, who came to pay nothing of the Church, which was forty years in building. The reason of this singular structure is, that in the Church there is an effigy of the Virgin, said to be painted by St. Luke, and which is said to have been in the Church of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, with an inscription on it, commanding him to carry it to the Monte della Guardia, there to be placed upon the altar in the Chapel of St. Luke. The Greek Church of the Greek nobleman erected almost all the Christian world before he could bring that it was near Bologna. But when he reached it, the Virgin made it immoveable, and the solemn procession placed upon the mount. Its worshippers multiplied, but access to it was difficult at such a distance, and on such a mount, and in order to remedy this evil, the Priests assembled the people and made it possible by the series of Arcades of which I have spoken. A splendid church was built for the reception of the relic, whose remains it is said, are visible even to this day in bringing on, or in repairing the work, the Greek Grecian monk, placed it they keep it to this day, and though it would have been easier to have brought it to the city, than to have been to the trouble to do so, yet that would have been violating the command the monk saw on the inscription.

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No. LXVI.

ANCONA, October 6th, 1835.

We left Bologna on the morning of the 3d, in a vetturino for Ancona, which is the chief papal commercial city on the Adriatic, and which is on the usual route that travellers take to the Levant, and from which there is a steamboat running thence once a month to Corfu. The vetturino travel thirty to fifty miles a day according to circumstances, and our first day's starting was long before day-light, sometimes being awakened at two o'clock in the morning, and never later than four. The price we gave for a journey was ten Roman scudi, without the usual gratuity, which is always more or a customary gratuity; for these eleven American dollars, we must three days, were found in three excellent dinners with wine, and two beds each night. Our vetturino was conducted by three horses, and was commodious to carry six persons. The carriage was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "I tell you sir," that vetturino travelling in Italy is as cheap as one can desire, though one may have to encounter a little bit of roguery, in paying at two o'clock in the morning, and to get a hearty dinner at noon goes to bed, after a whole day's fast.

As we left the gate and walls of Bologna, which was an easy thing, for the vetturino were throwing aside them, (kept in order by the military,) we passed by, with their teams loaded with huge butts or pipes of wine on which a duty is to be paid, after our passports were signed with the permission to pass, and stopped upon the road that leads to Imola, once the *Forum Cornelii*, supposed to have been erected by Sylla. The town of Imola has risen on its ruins, and stands at the entrance of the rich and extensive plain of Lombardy on a branch of the river Vatrenus, now called the Santerno, which river the road crosses on a bridge and then proceeds to Faenza, anciently *Faventia*, where Sylla obtained the victory over the adherents of Cotbe. This town is of a square form, and its four principal streets are straight, and meet at the market place, which was where there was thronged with women vending on their little tables, all kinds of vegetables, from bread and grapes even to hot boiled chestnuts, which seems to be a cheap and favorite food of the poor Italians. Women and children, too, were sitting at their doors here, and the most industrious part of the population, it seems. Faenza was our stopping-place for four or five hours, while our horses were fed and kept housed during the heat of the day, and we had time to go and visit every thing, yet in all my visitings I could not see that any thing was left of its famous eastern ware, to which it gave the name of Faience. *Forum Livii* (now shortened into, and called Forli) was our sleeping place for the night. But a thunder storm, with a deluge of rain during the evening, prevented us from seeing what we had to see of this handsome city of 20,000 souls, for we were off next morning long before any thing was visible. *Forum Populi* (now called Forlimpopoli, was the most remarkable place near which we passed, but a castle and a few cottages remain now of that ancient place, the site of this forum.—Cesena, the last town on the old *Via Emilia*, which anciently belonged to Cisalpine Gaul, was the first place we stopped at to breakfast, and we dined at Rimini, on the river *Sapis*, now the Savio, and is superseded by a superb modern bridge thrown on that river. This town contains near two thousand inhabitants, a handsome fountain, and a colossal statue of the late Pius VI., who passed his novitiate near there as a novice of the order of St. Benedict, in the church of the *Madonna del Fiore*, or our Lady of the flowers.

Near this Cesena, in the direction of Tavignano, anciently *Capitium*, the *Via Emilia* crosses the Pisteilo, a rivulet which has been called the Rubicon. That river which, till the reign of Augustus, formed the boundary of Cisalpine Gaul toward the southeast, discharges itself into the Adriatic on the road between Forlimpopoli and Ravenna. It is composed of several small streams which unite about two miles from the sea. Augustus built some of Pharsalia, the ancient *veritable* river that Cæsar crossed when he passed the Rubicon. The famous march of Cæsar, when he made up his mind to violate the territories of the great republic of antiquity, interested me much in the whole of this region, all around which we had ample time to visit. The Rubicon is a river more nearly like what we know the Father of Waters with his stream of 4000 miles. But if the Pisteilo is the Rubicon of antiquity, the little muddy Tiber which it issues fire and roars under the Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, is as great a river and as the foundation the world can judge that even that is no great stream with such a diminutive Italian name. Brooks or creeks, we should call all these rivers in America. The interest attached to the river, it was, was not but of upon its magnitude or measure, but when the great consequences of that act of Cæsar's when he deliberated with himself upon the banks of the Rubicon, what should be the fortunes of Rome, and because it is the spot where, in carrying out his maxim of—"if justice is to be violated, let it be violated for the purpose of reigning," he settled the destinies of the Roman republic, and virtually led to the enthrone ing of the Emperors. One of these mighty men who stand in history apart from others as it made of some divinest stuff, there felt striving wildly in his bosom *Justice* and *Ambition*. That high and noble nature that ever distinguishes exalted men make him tremble at the thought of violating the boundary line of his own country. The fearful consequences and the monstrous wrongs he foresight clearly showed him, but he acted at last as every such man hunter has acted, from the days of Nimrod to those of Napoleon Ambition triumphed, and Patriotism fell. Washington alone of the men of the record in a cri is like this, has disdained a crown. But the great and the base act of that wonderful man of an inquiry upon this Rubicon, has given immortality and a boundless name to a rivulet, and made it as important in history, as the Mississippi or the Amazon is in geography, though the students of the Past debate even in whole volumes upon its identity, and almost mainly its very existence. I have just been perusing a good sized book in Italian, which is chiefly confined to debating the question of "which is the veritable Rubicon." My guide to the spot, however, flippantly settled the question in a minute, and though he did not pretend to show me the foottracks of Cæsar, yet he showed me the very spot where he crossed! He was a Frenchman who was never heard to say, "I do not know," when you asked him about the Past.

Rimini was the second night's halting place of our Vetturino. The country through which we had been passing to called Romagna to which Imola is on the northern confines. Corn, hemp, and flax fields, with abounding vineyards stared the road on which was our first day's ride, and in the other cells were cottages and farms. From Cesena to Forli, the scene was delightful, with lovely plains about us, and the Apennines on our right.—Cesena was long governed during the middle ages by petty military chiefs, but the last of its sovereigns bequeathed the city by will to the Roman See.—But now in all of these cities in the whole of Romagna even, there is the utmost contempt for the Papal government, and the utmost hatred of the Austrians, whose troops are ever encamped as far on this road as the walls of Forli. Forli indeed, is a city to be daily in a state of rebellion, and it were not or be Austrian troops, the reasons now instead would soon be as strong and as good as to serve all Romagna from Rome as far off over the Apennines. Rimini was the *Arimanum* of the Romans, originally an Umbrian town, but when colonized by the Romans it became the key of Italy on the eastern coast. The sea, however, has now retired so far from the coast that the ancient port of Arimanum is moved with difficulty, but its marble arches are still standing in the middle of the city. Near it is the triumphal arch of Augustus, erected to commemorate the completion of the city, for the communication of which, with the Flaminian way, which lead upon from Rome and a good deal beyond, had hitherto made him civil to his daughter's cause,—or at least remove his wrath, to be poured upon Mary's head next day. And like a dutiful daughter, we have seen how she endured her parent's wayward humours. Her mother had died long ago, and for years, and, but for the manner in which Mary filled her place in vexing her father, she would, long before, have been an o phan. True it was, she was more than a daughter to him, compelling him to forget, while she tormented him, that the old but of his empiecen, his wife, *was silent*.

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With noble cobweb cheats,
They've stopped in the low like nets,
In which, when once they are entangled,
The more they stir, the more they're tangled.

We have seen how religiously Mr. Williams hated a certain person with whom he had had some an unhappiness, and, south to say his aversion had a old and sufficient grounds. Giles was one of those detestable animals to be met with in almost every community, who are never happy but when in litigation. Every thought had some connection with what Hudibras terms the "perfection of human reason," but it was only upon the *imperfections* of that *perfection* that he studied to perfect himself—or rather, in which he I ked to dabble. Observe it when you will, those whose names are oftenest found with a "so" added, are those who are was acquainted with the whole sense and recesses of the law. Every window which looked upon any part of Giles's mansion was darkened with a dead wall—the branches of every fruit tree which overhung his ground, from his neighbours' enclosures, were checked of their produce, or sawed off even with the fence. To look upon his land was almost a trespass; to step upon it quite one. He knew the path to the pound better than that to the church—as his neighbours' cattle could witness. No contract was binding g with him, unless it was duly signed, witnessed and acknowledged. For such a man, our friend Williams, quick and strong in his passions, and frank to bluntness, could entertain no feelings but disgust in the abstract,—when he found himself actually entangled in the toils of the wily knave, he was furious.

It is unnecessary to go into the details of the dispute—it is sufficient to say Williams was as clearly in the right, and Giles as clearly in the wrong, as the reader may well suppose from their respective characters. The latter had presumed upon the known dislike of the former for litigation—but his bold attempt at villainy was foiled by the anger of Williams, who immediately, and for the first time in his life, appealed to the law. To avoid, as much as possible, a business for which he had an unconquerable loathing, he committed the whole affair to Burnet, with full power to manage it at his d scretion,—only signifying his wish that not a penny should be yielded, but that Giles should be wrung out of him cent dollar, if possible, by appeal, continuation, or any other means. Burnet chose the more direct way of adjusting the matter, by compromise, to which Giles, who found he had caught a Tartar, readily assented; but Burnet was astonished to find his services so ill appreciated, that, upon hearing the result, Williams transferred his dislike from his opponent to his agent. Giles, in his exultation, made a sort of merit of his intention to beggar his antagonist, and, in his rage at being disappointed, flatly and directly charged the lawyer with having been the accomplice of Giles, in an attempt to impose upon him. We can easily imagine how Burnet received such a charge, had it not been for the interference of a certain blind god, who imparts a portion of his own intoxicatedness of vision to lovers, when the faults and imperfectness of fathers are apparent enough to every body else.

Reasoning him out of so preposterous an idea was only hunting him to another cover. He is stated upon it that Burnet was only careful of his interest, because he expected o e day to inherit the property he preserving this little, poor sensitive, pure minded girl, who, in spite of his nose, till he ascertained he exact facts, Mary would hardly forbear snatching the paper from his hand.

"Let me read it first, pa." No answer.

"Do let me see it, father."

"After me, madam, if at all."

"Oh dear!" And she fidgetted in her chair, and looked so weary. "Well, if I am not going to see it to-day, read it aloud, will you, father?"

"Eh-eh. "When you mistrusted me to commence a suit against your father's tenant, your claim for damages involved the title to your estate. I found, when you purchased of Barge, that he gave only a quit-claim. He bought of John Bradley, whose w le never relinquished her right; and she being dead, it is a nullity. Marry!"

"Let me see. It's in father—in her name."

"In her name. Well, what does that mean?"

"Never mind, father, read on."

"In her name. If Giles had been put to a legal defence, he would have discovered the flaw in your title, and have purchased the claim, or bid for it, which would have compelled us to made a great sacrifice in money and trouble to obtain a clear deed. I was at an ebb in the case for upwards a day, but he will discover, and take advantage of the fact,—and therefore with the with Giles, to your great satisfaction, was afraid to treat even you with the secret, until I had obtained a quit-claim of young Bradley—in which I have just succeeded. For the expense—you may remember, whenever you can spare the money from your brewsolent purposes to the—What!"

"Expensive Indians."

"What the devil do *that* mean?"

"Why, my dear, gentle papa, you swore roundly, last night to Mr. Burnet that you would give your money to the Esquimaux, in love, as your son-in-law, he should touch a dollar of it."

"Did I? I'd forgotten it. Mary!"

"Sir."

Look me directly in the face. Now tell me, did you ever tell Tim Burnet what I thought of him in that Giles business?"

"Never."

"Are you sure?—no evasion now."

"I certainly never did."

"Then I think have a right of him than if he had visited the house, knowing what I thought and said. We act like fools last night."

"We indeed!"

"Give me my hat and cane Mary."

"Where are you going, father?"

"Don't ask me so many questions, girl."

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"Time flies."

"Oh, gran'pa! Let me look at the pictures in the big Bible. What's that, gran'pa?"

"That's writing."

"What does it say?"

"Timothy Burnet to Mary Williams."

"Who is Mary Williams, gran'pa?"

"Go ask your mother, you young blockhead."

Franklin and Gov. Burnet.

Ben had just returned from escorting to put poor Cotins to bed, when the captain of the vessel which had brought him to New York, stepped up and in a very respectful manner put a note into his hand, Ben opened it, not without considerable agitation and read as follows:—

"G. Burnet's compliments await young Mr Franklin—and should be glad of half an hour's chat with him over a glass of wine."

"G. Burnet!" said Ben, "who can that be?"

"Why 'tis the governor," replied the captain, with a smile.—"I have just been to see him, with some letters I brought to him from Boston. And when I told him what a world of books you have, he expressed curiosity to see you, and begged I would return with you to his palace."

Ben instantly set off with the captain, but not with out a sigh as he cast a look on the door of poor Cotins's bed room, to think what an honest—that wretched young man had lost for the sake of two or three vile gulps of filthy grog.

The Governor's looks at the approach of Ben, showed somewhat disappointment. He had a serious, expected comfortable entertainment from Ben's conversation. But his rosy and cheerly countenance showed him so much younger than he had counted on, that he gave up all his promised entertainment as a lost hope. He received Ben, however, with great politeness, and after pressing on him a glass of wine, took him into an adjoining room, which was his library, consisting of a large and well chosen collection.

Seeing the pleasure which sparkled in Ben's eyes, as he surveyed so many elegant authors, and thought of the rich stores of knowledge which he contained, the governor with a smile of complacency, as on a young cub of science, said to him:—

"Well, Mr Franklin, I am told by the captain here, you have a fine collection too."

"O, do a trunk full, sir," said Ben.

"A trunk full sir!" replied the governor, "why what use can you have for so many books?—Young people at your age, have seldom read beyond the tenth chapter of Genesis."

"I can tell," replied Ben, "of having read a great deal beyond that myself, but still, I should be sorry if I could not get a trunk full of books to read every six months."

At this the governor, regarding him with a look of surprise said:

"You must then, tho gh so young, be a scholar; perhaps a teacher of the languages."

"No, sir," answered Ben, "I know no language but my own."

"What not Latin nor Greek?"

"No, sir, not a word of either."

"Why don't you think them necessary?"

"I don't at myself up as a judge—but I should not suppose them necessary."

"Aye! well, I should like to hear your reason."

"Why, sir, I am not competent to give reasons that may satisfy a gentleman of your learning, but the bal ance of the reasons with which I satisfy myself. I look on language, sir, merely as a arbitrary sounds of characters, which by men communicate their ideas to each other. Now I already possess a language which capable of conveying more ideas than I shall ever acquire, so it is not wise in me to bestow any time in getting more sounds through the language, since if I could learn as many!

Here the governor put on a grimace, though not without a little sort of his chuckle, for he only a minute before put pipe and snuff box down together. However, continuing, "you also, he took another out:—

"Well, but, my dear sir, you certainly differ from the learned we M, which is, you know, absolutely in favor of the language."

"I won't set words wantonly to differ from the learned, sir," said Ben, "my only when they unanimous enough to convince me I ought to do so. But this is not the case, sir, I have given my thought my duty; and especially when I studied Locke."

"Locke!" cried the governor with surprise, "you studied Locke!"

"Yes, sir, I studied Locke on the Dickinson dong three years ago when I was thirteen."

"You mean sir, sir. You study Locke on the Understanding at thirteen!"

"Yes sir I did."

"Without any or what college did you study Locke at thirteen; for at Cambridge college in Old England, where I got my education, they never allowed the scholars to look at Locke till at eighteen?"

"Why, sir, it was my misfortune never to be at a college, nor even to attend a grammar school, except plain English, when I was a child."

"Here the governor sprang from his seat, and stamping at Ben, cried out:—

"The devil! well, and where—have did you get your education, pray?"

"At home, sir, in a tallow-chandler's shop."

"In a tallow-chandler's shop!"—cried the governor.

"Yes, sir, my father was a poor old tallow-chandler with seven children and I the youngest of all, and as right he put me to school, but finding he could not spare the money from the rest of the children to keep me there, he took me home to the shop, to help at the trade by twisting the candle wicks and filling the moulds and dips, and at night I used to read the book I receive, my father hoarded up to my benefit, I generally in Boston, and with him I worked shop all day and pores and cons, and again read by myself at night."

Here the governor spanking his hands together put on a laughing face while his eyes twinkled with a surprise, rolled about in their sockets as if in a mighty mind to leap out.

"Impossible young man!" he exclaimed; "impossible you are only quizzing my curiosity. I can never believe such a story of old Cotins." Then turning to the captain, he said—"Captain, you know Cotins, the old man, and from Boston; pray tell me, can this young man here be among us any thing but to quiz me?"

"No, indeed, please your excellency," replied the captain, "Mr. Franklin is not quizzing you; he is saying what is really true, but I am acquainted with his father and family."

The governor then turning to Ben, said pleasantly:—"Well, my dear wonderful boy, I ask your pardon for doubting your word; and now pray tell me, for I feel a stronger desire than ever to know your education has enabled you to do."

"Why, sir, I object to it principally on account of the shortness of human life. Taking them one with another, men do not live above forty years. Formerly, indeed, pots it only thirty-three. But my father, Mr old tallow-chandler, used to say, if a man lived to be forty he thinks of a Latin grammar. This brings the forty down to thirty. Now of such a moment to this to spend five or six years in learning the dead languages, especially when all the best books in those languages are translated into, and modern books have made more books on every subject than such dead language creatures can ever acquire terms very proportionate."

"Well, but what are you to do with their good sense, Virgil and Homer, for example? I suppose you would not think of translating Homer out of his rich native Greek into our poor English, English, English you?"

"Why not, sir?"

"Why, I should as soon think of transplanting a pine apple from Barbadoes to Boston."

"Well, sir, a sudden gardener, with his hot-house, can give us nearly as fine a pine apple as any in Jamaica.—And so Mr. Pope with his fine imagination, has given us Homer in English, with more of his sense than ordinary scholars would find in him after forty years study of our Greek Lexicon. Indeed if Homer was not translated, I am in from thinking it would be worth spending five or six years to learn to read him in his own language."

"You do well to learn the orisons, Mr. Franklin, for the things all tell us that God has made us to pray to him."

"Yes, sir, and the naturalists tell us that the bottom of the basilisk one inch right hand."

"What, what—what—what—

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[illegible] 28, 1836.

MAJOR GAINES.

This officer who has won the good will and esteem of all who have served under him in the Florida Campaign, has by the Executive Government, without even to match as a trial been struck from the army list. The Court of Inquiry by this most arbitrary procedure have incurred a great deal of justly merited odium.—The censure which they have conveyed upon a most deserving and distinguished officer is bad enough, but the manner in which the censure has been conveyed—the experte statements that have induced it—and the not granting to the major the at least moral right of defending himself, will not be approved of by any lover of justice or fair play throughout the States.

Major Gaines has been addressed in consequence of the steps taken by several officers, who, tightly enfolding his cashiering, beg of him to treat the whole matter with utter indifference, smothing with due patience the reparation of an injury which sooner or later his fellow officers must feel themselves utterly repudiated at having inflicted.

The Coal Trade is very brisk, between Pottsville and this city, and as it is a rapidly increasing business, it has not yet fallen into a system established to prevent hurry and inconvenience. The shippers are now greatly pressed for want of boats to bring down their coal. The Miners [illegible] days. "The Coal business has increased so rapidly that the supply of boats has not been able to keep pace with the increase. Our harbors and residences are all full of employment. Most of them, we understand, have more than their hands full. Freights have advanced to one dollar and forty five cents per ton. Now is the harvest for the boat-men and boat-builders. Our shipyards are under the necessity of despatching runners along the line of the canal—in order to secure incoming boats. A most vigilant company is in operate, night and day. We are sorry that our distant friends who are running boats, are so tardy in availing themselves of the present golden opportunity."

DEBATE ON THE DEPOSIT BILL.

From the Correspondent of the N. Y. Com. Adv.

"Washington, June 18."

"*A split in the Van Buren camp—Benton overthrown—Rives and Talmadge for distribution.*"

"Yesterday was a memorable day in the Senate. The reign of the party is over. Col. Benton's domination has departed from him. Mr. Van Buren and his dexterous lieutenant, Silas Wright, have been thoroughly beaten. I informed you that on Thursday, this body had orders to a third reading, the bill reported by the select committee, which embraces provisions for the regulation of the deposits, in a manner which will, to some extent, diminish the control over the public money that has been hitherto possessed by those who, to use the emphatic language of Mr. Calhoun, are hold together by the cohesive power of the plunder of the public; and for the distribution, among the states, of whatever surplus should be in the treasury at the beginning of the year, over and above five millions of dollars. This measure came up for final action to-day."

The passage of the bill, regulating the deposits—leaving them out among the States—through both Houses since are this, it has no doubt passed the House, of Representatives, and probably by a large majority, as the vote ordering the bill to a third reading, would indicate, is a double triumph. It is a triumph gained to the interests of the people, by thus distributing among the different states, a large fund to be used without interest—to be applied to purposes of Internal Improvement, the demands of Commerce, and the general increase and circulation of the capital, of the country. Its distribution [illegible] and in such case have a most favorable effect on the commerce and business of the country, and will not fail to be sensibly felt, in the opening of the business of the next season, if not by anticipation, at a much earlier period.

The views and policy of the Administration on this important matter of the public treasure, have unhappily been thwarted and sadly disappointed, and this after their most strenuous efforts and exertions, to sustain this their favourite project of keeping the public treasure, with its vast accumulation within the grasp, and directly under the control of "the party." The advantage of such an Ally—a well filled treasury—in any war, and especially to those who are not particular about the means, so the end can be secured, is easily understood. But neither the sophistries of Senator Wright, nor the mysticisms of Senator Benton, (never calculated to convince,) in this case, were not even so far plausible as to persuade the candid of their own party to adopt them. On the contrary, Mr. Rives boldly took it upon him, to expose their fallacy and error, and himself and friends, at this point, at least, refused co-operation with the combatants of General Jackson and Mr. Van Buren. Several of the Washington letter writers, who are on the spot, seem to regard this as ominous; certainly it has proved most disastrous to the views of the Administration, in the particular case, and to what other measures the temporary separation may extend, remains to be seen. It may be that Mr. Van Buren, whatever may have been General Jackson's experience in most cases, will not always find "a willing Senate at his beck."

It is still in the power, however, it must be borne in mind, of General Jackson, by the exercise of the veto, to defeat the acts of the people's representatives, and to deprive them of the use of the public money, which is now locked up in the Deposite Banks. It remains to be seen whether he will venture upon such a course, and yet, what is there, he has not ventured upon when stimulated by his feelings, passions, or prejudices. We shall see, in a very few days, and this important question will be decided.

The Washington Correspondent, of the United States Gazette, thus alludes to the debate:

"There has been much speculation and doubt about the course of the stand made by Mr. Rives and Mr. Talmadge, against Mr. Benton, on Friday last, during the debate on the passage of the Deposit Bill. It has been sometimes said that few differences are more difficult to reconcile, than those between friends. I do not know whether this maxim can be truly applied, in the course case. Probably not. At any rate, if the feelings are at war, policy may not just now permit an open declaration of it. If sarcasm, and keen severity can produce rankling wounds, in the breast which they strike and wound, were I sure that Mr. Benton will carry in his breast a festering sore, which will not heal for some time to come. Mr. Benton had certainly asserted that there could be no such thing as a surplus, that the whole would be so allowed up by the sums necessary to be appropriated for the public defences, &c. Mr. Rives met all these assertions by an arithmetical calculation. The receipts for the first quarter (said Mr. Rives) are 11 millions, taking round numbers—the receipts for the second quarter are 9 millions. This gives 20 millions for the first six months. It is well known that the most busy financial time has to come, but if you only double the first quarter, it gives 40 millions for the year; add thereto the 25 millions, it will make an aggregate of 65 millions."

Mr. Rives said, he did not see how this sum, could be used in the course of a year. It is possible (said he) that any gentleman can rise here, and say that we shall skin to expend 65 millions in any one year. When did any year's expenditures amount to 65 millions, save in a particular year, after the conclusion of the 12 millions? The Creek war had passed away—the war which hung over the south west, in consequence of the conflict in Texas, has disappeared. Would any gentleman then say, that we could expend 65 millions? He revolted at the idea of such an expenditure, and the people would revolt at it.

After Mr. Rives had spoken for some time in a style of real eloquence, he sat down, and Mr. Talmadge made a most excellent, a most able speech on the same side. He called on Mr. Benton to come down from his lofty flight of imagination, and to tread the path of common sense; said it was high time that the people knew who stood in favour of this dreamy pursuit of a gold-free currency, and he wished it to be established to the world, that he did not support any of the absurd notions of a gold currency, which had been propounded by the Senator from Missouri, nor any motion which went to the overthrow of the credit system of the country. When these speeches of Mr. Rives and Mr. Talmadge, and a speech of Mr. Pearce of Rhode Island, made in the I come to-day, about members getting money from pet banks for speculating purposes (on which a committee is raised) shall be published, the regency will look blue.

THE BILL TO DISTRIBUTE THE PUBLIC MONEY.

The National Intelligencer of Monday contains the bill to regulate the Deposites of the Public Money, as it passed the Senate on Thursday last. It is unnecessary to give it at length, as we fear it will not become a law. The first section prescribes it as a duty for the Secretary of the Treasury to select, as soon as may be practicable, and employ as the depositories of the money of the United States, such of the Banks incorporated by the several States or Territories as may be located at, adjacent, or convenient to the points or places at which the revenues may be collected or disbursed. The second provides that nothing in the act shall be so construed as to prevent Congress at any time from passing any law for the removal of the funds from any of the said banks, or from changing the terms of deposite, or to prevent the said banks at any time from declining any longer to be the depositories of the public money, upon paying over, or tendering to pay, the whole amount of public moneys on hand, according to the terms of its agreement with the said Secretary.

The third and fourth sections prescribe the terms on which the banks shall receive the public money. The following, however, are the most important sections.—*Penn. Inquirer.*

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted, That the money which shall be in the Treasury of the United States on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, reserving the sum of five millions of dollars, shall be deposited with the several States, in proportion to their respective representation in the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall deliver the same to such persons as the several States may authorize to receive it, on receiving certificates of deposite, signed by the competent authorities of such States, each for such amount, and in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, which shall set forth and express the obligation of the State to pay the amount thereof to the United States, or their assigns; and which said certificates it shall be competent for the Secretary of the Treasury, in the name and behalf of the United States, to sell and assign, whenever it shall be necessary, for want of other money in the Treasury to meet appropriations made by Congress; all sales and assignments, however, to be ratable, and in just and equal proportions, among all the States, according to the amounts received by them respectively; and all such certificates of deposite shall be subject to, and shall bear an interest of five per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, from the time of such sale and assignment, and shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the States issuing the same.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That the said deposites shall be made with the States in the following proportions, and at the following times, viz: One quarter part on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, or as soon thereafter as may be; one quarter part on the first day of April; one quarter part on the first day of July; and one quarter part on the first day of October, all in the same year.

Sec. 15. And be it further enacted, That to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry into effect the provisions of this act, he be authorized to appoint three additional clerks for his department; the one at a salary of one thousand six hundred dollars per annum; and the remaining two at a salary of one thousand dollars each; and to pay the said clerks quarter-yearly, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

For the Saturday Evening Post.

SCIENTIFIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Bensalem, Bucks, 20th 1836

My Dear Friend,—I regretted much when a few days since in Philadelphia that my time was so limited as to preclude conversation on various topics in which I feel a deep interest. The visit to the school of these young women was delightful. Besides the interesting plants with which they were so polite as to present me, I received, over from their school some other treasure, and shall in this profession, which I would be happy to transfer to some of our teachers.

I arrived just in time to attend our Lyceum—it was a meeting of uncommon interest. We had several informal visitors from Philadelphia, and from neighboring Lyceums, who expressed great satisfaction with our proceedings. I will give a hasty sketch of some of the topics presented. Our correspondence with some kindred institutions had furnished us with some facts respecting the *beet culture*, and a plant in the city had related many more—besides presenting me with a series of letters written by an agent of the Philadelphia *beet society* in France, I also obtained for exhibition a specimen of refined sugar manufactured from the beet, and one quart of the seed of the species cultivated in France. This I distributed among our members requesting them at the time to make experiments with the culture of that vegetable. A friend had also furnished me with a small quantity of the *Brussels pea*, which I distributed in like manner. The young gentleman who is so well versed in botanical pursuits, and to whom I alluded before, presented the Lyceum with nearly a hundred specimens of wood very neatly dressed, so as to exhibit at a glance the texture of the woody fibre and the bark. They were also labelled with their botanic and common names, with great care and neatness. The labor indispensable for the preparation of this present must have occupied days. A committee was forthwith appointed to prepare similar donations to other Lyceums. The same individual furnished us with a beautiful *pearl* taken from the interior of a clam. The object was to obtain a solution of several curious questions relative to *nature and formation of pearls*. To easy answers to his interesting question a committee was appointed.

I exhibited a number of the vegetable impressions which L. G. gave me at this meeting—and I shall be very much disappointed if, in a short time this amusing exercise does not become common for the schools in this neighborhood. The specimens were minutely examined by all, and our Lyceum was informed of all the particulars relative to the manner of making them and how readily the work might be done by very small children. This is but a meagre specimen of the exercises of our meeting. I must yet mention one incident—because it furnishes a specimen of the habits of observation taught by the Lyceum system. The chin of a large *black snake* was suspended in the room, which suggested the hint to my mind, to inquire how the animal extricated himself from this covering. A boy less than ten years of age furnished a ready solution to the question—declaring that he had lately seen the snake in the act.

I hope to see them in a few days at the Bucks county Lyceum. Thy assured friend, W. H.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The following comprehensive and just notice of the condition, resources, and prospects of the "Key-stone State," is extracted from an address recently delivered by JAMES K. BURNSIDE, Esq. one of her enlightened senators:

Her civil architecture stands pre-eminent—her moral architecture is a model for the world.—Her civil code stands second to none—Her medical integrity is without a blot—Her sons have on the wave and in the battle field sustained the glory of the American flag—and among the bravest of the brave have exhibited Pennsylvania, without fear and without reproach.

The physical advantages of our territory are unsurpassed by any and on which the sun shines. There is more wealth in the bowels of her earth, than would buy any State in the Union—the mineral coal—the iron—the salt, are alone resources for industry, which will place us on a level with the most prosperous nations. Our canals and rail roads are testimonies of the wisdom, courage and enterprise of our citizens; and our commercial prosperity, great as it is, is yet in its earliest infancy.

The Cause Why.—Perhaps the reader may discern in the following paragraph, he reason in part, of the hostile movements of the Creek Indians:—

Creek Indians.—The Uchees, (Lower Creeks,) are said to be in a perishing condition. They have been prohibited from hunting on the Georgia side of the river. The game on their own is all killed up, and they have become desperate. It is not supposed that they meditate war against the whites, but they will probably do much mischief in predatory excursions to satisfy their hunger. The investigation of Indian tribes to reach is not yet concluded, and it is believed that its continuance is highly detrimental to the interests of all parties, as it holds out false hopes to the Indians of redressing their hands.—*Wilmington (N. C.) Adv. May 11.*

All the large towns of England, unincorporated, are to recieve charters.

BEAVER CITY.

An intelligent correspondent of the Western Argus is giving a course of lectures on the prospects and inevitable destinies of Beaver City.—His claims are strong, and his arguments convincing to unprejudiced minds, that Pittsburg will soon have a powerful rival to compete with for the trade of the 'mighty west.' An abstract of his first No. appeared in this paper of the 11th inst. with an unlucky blunder appended to it, mistaking a laudatory paragraph from the Pittsburg Advocate of a place at the mouth of Little Beaver Creek (or Run) 12 miles west of the Big Beaver, for a notice of Beaver city.

Now it is notorious, that by some queer obliquity of vision, neither the papers or citizens of Pittsburg can offer our Beaver, they squint so abnormally. Any improvement, rail road, 'rising town, &c. in their neighbourhood are hailed vigorously, if not in that direction, or beyond it. They adopt the idea of one of their judges some years ago, whose attention being called to it as a location superior to that of Pittsburg, replied "*Be a clear case, and the less we say about it the better!* We copy the second lecture.

To the Editor of the Western Argus.

In your last paper I promised to make it plain to all who would examine the subject, "that the great battle for the trade of the mighty west, would be fought at Beaver point;" and now, through your indulgence, I will endeavor to redeem my pledge. For many years past, the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, have been carrying on a commercial warfare for the obtainment of this rich prize. Every and anon, some new project has been started, by one or the other of these enterprising cities, which to appearance has accomplished the object, and has given momentary advantage over the rest.—This has produced a counter plan from them, which has again equipoised the balance. Local advantages have been sought after with assiduity; local positions, where the great commercial lever may be fixed, have been investigated with much labor and care. Cities, through this commercial excitement, and enterprise, have sprung as by magic into existence. Witness Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Pittsburg, Wheeling, and others. Works too, that stand as the proud monuments of wisdom, enterprise, valor, and success; works, in fact, which have excited the wonder, and admiration of the whole civilized world; works, which have called forth the most gigantic efforts, and caused the most lavishing expenditures, have been brought to maturity.—Such was the great New York Canal, stretching from the Atlantic to the Lakes. Such also, are the great Pennsylvania improvements, of which any State, or nation in the world may be justly proud. Such too is the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and Rail Road. What mighty projects! What vast sums have been expended! And yet sir, the constant equilibrium which has been maintained by these contending parties clearly shows, that as yet the fulcrum, whereon to fix the lever, that shall move the commerce of this western world, and draw it to one grand focus, has not been fully ascertained. It is well for all parties that it has not. No one of the eastern cities is destined to have this proud preeminence. This enviable distinction must be fixed in so central a situation, as at once to command all the eastern markets with ease, and despatch, and have an outlet, to all the Western trade, in a permanent degree. This supremely important point, nature has given to us. And nothing is wanting to secure all the advantages of such a position, but enterprise and capital.

Fix your eyes sir, on the RIVER OF AMMAHTUS, the *majestic Ohio*, where the Beaver and Ohio commingle their waters, and you fix your eyes upon a position, that transcends in importance any other on the *mighty western waters*.—Here is the *fulcrum*, where the lever may be placed, which will move the commerce of the whole west. This position being on the extreme northern bend of the Ohio, is nearer to our great inland seas, than any other on the Ohio; and from this point to Lake Erie is the most natural, and easy route to the Lakes; so that at present the Cleveland mail is carried through our place, from New York itself. Here then is the point where the Ohio, and the Lake will unite both by Rail Roads and Canals. Thirty miles of the canal, from this point to Erie, is already finished, and our Legislature has appropriated 200 000 dollars for its immediate completion. This will stamp their seal of importance to this point, they expressly prohibit, say thing to be laid out on ly finished will serve the double purpose, of promoting the extension to the Lakes, and a union with the Ohio canal. This latter object is fast progressing to completion, and will open a prolific channel of commercial enterprise to the whole interior of Ohio. The Beaver and Sandy Canal, will also terminate here, and must be finished in a limited time. So that with the Ohio River on our south, by which we can ascend or descend to any point; on the 10,000 miles of steam boat navigation, connected with this admirable River; and with these three canals of inland communication, the field will be fully open, for all the heavy articles of inland commerce, and we can carry on commercial enterprise, to any extent we please. Here we shall consequently have the trade of Michigan, and of all the States and Territories bordering on the great Lakes. Here the transportation of the merchandise of the Eastern cities to the West, and of the productions of the west sent to the eastern market, will be made.

The Rail Roads that are projected, and which will doubtless be constructed, will also greatly contribute to the grand result. Canals for heavy merchandise, and Rail Roads for speedy communications, and light goods. There is at present a project of two or three Rail Roads, from the mouth of Big Beaver, one from Cleveland, and one from Conneaut, the charters of which are already granted. It is more than probable, that there will also be another branch from these Rail Roads, running to Warren, Pennsylvania, which will be carried on until it meets the great southern Rail Road, from the city of New York. This to New York and Beaver point, is the most deeply interesting scheme, in all the vast plans of internal improvement, now in operation; as it brings us nearly two hundred miles nearer together, than in any other route, and brings the trade of New York, so much nearer the Ohio.—When this route is once completed, Pittsburg, and Western Pennsylvania, will hold their intercourse with New York through our place.—There is no project that will give to that city such decided advantage as this, or that will open to her, such a rich harvest. I had intended to have struck out a sketch of a new project, of which our position is susceptible, and which would most emphatically represent us as the *key of the west*, but this I must reserve to another opportunity. Yours, &c. W.

QUESTIONS

For the next Yearly Meeting of the PENNSYLVANIA LYCEUM, to be held in York, commencing on Tuesday 9th of August next. To which answers are requested from the friends of Education in Pennsylvania, for the benefit of the Yearly Meeting.

How many schools in your county or township?

What is about the average number of scholars in each school?

What portion of the year are schools among you generally kept in operation?

Are any weekly or circuit schools, under the charge of itinerating teachers, in operation among you?

Is your county divided into school districts?

Are many females employed in teaching in your county or vicinity?

What are the names and residences of some of the best teachers or rather friends of education in your neighbourhood?

Do many among you make teaching a profession, or constant employment?

What is the common price of tuition with you?

Are schools furnished with commodious houses?

What school books are in most common use?

Are many schools furnished with apparatus for visible illustrations—or with cabinets, libraries, &c.?

Do the pupils of any schools make weekly or monthly contributions, to procure apparatus, libraries, cabinets, or other common conveniences for their entertainment and instruction?

Which is most common—for teachers to make presents to pupils, or for pupils to make presents to teachers?

In any thing done in your schools to promote, by their exercise, the benevolent and generous feelings of children?

Could any of your schools collect specimens of nature or art—of minerals, plants, insects, shells, penmanship, needlework; or other productions, for exchange with schools or lyceums in other counties, states or countries?

Are any lyceums, or other subsidiary associations for mutual improvement, in operation in your vicinity?

Have any individuals in your vicinity cabinets of minerals, plants, or other specimens of nature or art?

What are or rather useful minerals, are found in your vicinity? (Best answered by depositing specimens with the lyceum.)

How many newspapers in your county, and what the titles of those most friendly to education?

EPITOME OF THE TIMES.

It is computed that the Girard Bank of Philadelphia paid out half a million of dollars bad coin on account of the French indemnity.

A letter containing one hundred and forty dollars, was put into the New York post office on the 15th of May and directed to JAMES M. JACKSON, Philadelphia. As such letter has not been received, apprehensions for its safety are entertained. No letter of the kind is remaining in the post office of this city or in New York.—The propriety of the hoaxing been misdirected, indeed this no too, in the hope that the money, the property of a widow laboring hard to her support, may be recovered.

We learn from the United States Gazette, that the gust on Sunday did great damage.—In Bucks county, a great number of trees were destroyed, and other injury done, by the wind and rain.

We hear also, that a portion of the Colombia Rail Road, between the Gap and Noble's foundery, was entirely washed away—the whole embankment, rails, beds, all gone by the board, and more than twenty acres of cultivated ground covered with water and the debris from the rail road and hills.

The Girard Bank, of Philadelphia, has issued notes of $5000 and 10,000. They are said to be beautifully executed.

Richard H. Bayard has been elected a Senator of the United States from the state of Delaware, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Nandain, and took his seat in the Senate.

It is said that a new counterfeit gold coin has just been issued at Baltimore, which is such a close imitation of the half eagle as to be extremely hard to detect.

The Sixth Division of the Kentucky Militia, under Gen. W. Chambers, have volunteered to go to Florida, and fight the Indians. Two hundred 'emigrants,' under a military leader, were to leave Louisville, on the 5th, for Gen. Houston's camp.

The Journal of Commerce contradicts, in behalf of the 'friends of Texas,' the rumour that measures have been taken to oust Gen. Houston from the command of the Texian army.

The James river rose last week higher than it has done for twenty years past, floating the meadows, stopping the mills and factories, and overflowing the lower streets of Richmond to the depth of three feet.

Mr. Lively, a colored man from the south, is lecturing on phrenology at New Bedford, and there about. He is travelling, the Gazette says, for the benefit of his race, and has excellent recommendations.

Lime, now so extensively and profitably used in agriculture, exists in its purest state in good marble. The refuse of marble, which is in great abundance at our valuable quarries in Montgomery and Chester counties, has recently been burnt into lime of the best quality, and promises to be a valuable acquisition to our farmers, and a profitable appropriation of a refuse article to the owners of marble quarries.

Extract of a letter dated New Orleans, June 2.

"General Houston is in bad health, and without good attention, I fear, will lose his life—his wound in the foot is very bad, and I think must mortify.—He is quite unable to stand, and fainted yesterday with the fatigued."

The ground belonging to the Reformed Dutch Church, Exchange Place, (Dr. Matthew's,) was sold yesterday by auction, at an aggregate of $265,600. The prices ranged from $52,700 to $40,000 a lot.—*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

It is computed that there are at the present time between fifteen and twenty thousand citizens of the United States resident in Mexico, principally in the seaports, engaged in commerce.

Shoe and Leather Business.—It is estimated that the exports of boots and shoes, from the state of Massachusetts, for the present year, will amount to the enormous sum of $10,000,000. Of this, Lynn will do a tenth part, and Haverhill will rank next. The whole amount of the annual business in leather is computed by the Boston Post, to amount to 30,000,000 dollars—almost equal to half the value of the entire cotton crop, of the United States.

The New York Sun says, the opinion is prevalent, and openly expressed in that city, that any man may commit murder with impunity, who has $1,000 to pay Messrs. Hoffman, Price and Maxwell.

Dr. Muzzy, President of the New Hampshire Medical Society, delivered the annual address, [illegible] was the use and abuse of Tobacco, and [illegible] of the auditors were induced to throw away their supply of *cud and pigtail* upon the spot.

The New Orleans Bee, commiserates the northern people, or their long winters. Thank'ee, Mr. Bee. Take your *pay* in *yellow fever*, cholera, or any other kind of pestilence you please.

A man named James Martin, of Mississippi, murdered on the night of the 20th ult. at Kingwood, in Preston county, by some slaves, which it appears he had purchased, and with which he was travelling south. $1840 was found upon his body.

Calico Printing.—It is stated in White's Life of Samuel Slater, that more than one hundred millions of yards of calico, have been printed in this country within the last year!

The Grand Jury, of Frederick county, Maryland, have presented the constitution of that State, as "insupportable nuisance." The reason assigned is that the said constitution is anti-republican, placing all political power in the hands of a lean minority of the people.

A Hint.—A subscriber, residing in a neighbouring State, who has the means of judging correctly on subjects connected with the instruction of youth, says—"I could wish most heartily that some of your Boston publishers, would persuade Dr. Charles T. Jackson, to write a book of Geology, for the use of schools. There is certainly a call for an elementary work on this subject."—*Mer. Journal.*

Iron.—In a foundry in Germany, it has lately been discovered, that by producing an evaporation of the chlorine, in making cast iron of the second or third quality, an iron of the first quality is produced. This new process has been tried in the forges of the Bes Rhin, with complete success. The value and importance of this discovery cannot fail to be appreciated by all iron masters.—*Herald.*

The whip manufactory at Westfield, Massachusetts, turns out five hundred thousand dollars worth in a year. Sad intelligence for horses.

By a late census of the city of Louisville, it appears that that place contains 23,000 inhabitants—increase within the last year 4000.

In Cleveland, Ohio, possessing a population of 6000 persons only, there are no less than three daily and five weekly papers.

The anniversary of the battle of *Bunker Hill*, has been celebrated at Charlestun with great pomp.

The keel of a mammoth steamboat is to be laid down at Buffalo, for the lake navigation. Sufficient goods, says the Buffalo Journal, he piled up on the docks to freight a hundred vessels. This accumulation does not arise, however, from a scarcity of craft: our harbor is full of them.

At a recent breach of promise case in Montreal, the plaintiff, Miss Marin Boulet, recovered £3000 from the faithless one—Samuel Workman. No less than *seventy four letters* were read on the trial, in open Court, which had passed between the parties during a tedious courtship of years—lights and shadows alternately prevailed.

Celeste, who was in New York during the Wood row, it is said to have been highly delighted with the affair. "Well, said she in her patois,—Well, I don't care sotin, dat de Vood be drive off, dat be right—but Cornale Webb to call us de ortiate vagabon, dis very no right." [*Baltimore Transcript.*

A Curiosity.—The Massachusetts Mining Company at Mansfield, dug from one of their shafts a few days ago, a coal fish, about a foot long, with fins, eyes, mouth—indeed every thing perfectly preserved. It is certainly a great curiosity.—*Herald.*

The dividend of $37 per share, declared by the old Union Insurance Company of Baltimore, is one of the fruits of the payment of the American claims on France.

The last turn-out.—Sixty turn-out journeymen Carpenters, paraded Wall street, on Saturday, with music playing, and colours waving, with "United we stand," and sundry other good sayings, displayed on mottoes.—*New York Paper.*

A soldier of the 32d regiment at Quebec, for insubordination and theft, was sentenced to receive 300 lashes. His punishment was, however, mitigated, and he received 200!

The Bel-Air Trials.—We learn from Hartford county, that the jury empanelled at the Court, sitting at Bel-Air, to try the case of the *Trustees of the Bank of Maryland*, vs. *Poultney, Ellicott & Co.* have returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, for $34,000 and costs. This being much less than the amount believed to be owing, the plaintiffs have, by their counsel, moved the court to grant them a new trial.

A letter from a commercial house in New Orleans says—"It is too early to judge of the sugar crop, but a great deal more has been planted, and more care taken in planting, than in former years."

The fashionable damsels in Philadelphia wear their dresses so tight about their shoulders, that they are obliged to unhook them to sneeze—so says the Wheeling Times.

It is stated in the New York Star that a book of 278 pages was stereotyped, printed and bound in the publishing establishments of the Harpers, in thirty six hours.

Three children were born on board the steamer Royal Tar, during her last passage from St. Johnsto Eastport.

FRIENDS' YEARLY MEETING.—The yearly meeting of the Friends in New England, was held in Newport last week, closing on Friday. We learn, that in the transactions of the usual business of the Meeting, their deliberations were conducted with great unanimity and harmony.

According to recent statistical tables the property owned by the state in France, and which is devoted to the public in fixtures, is about one hundred million of dollars. The national domain, consisting of forests and lands, is valued in addition at over one hundred and fifty millions, one half of which, produces no revenue, and the whole of which is exempt from taxation.

Rum and Pauperism.—Of 192 entries at the Salem Alms House, during the year ending March 1, 1836, 40 were children, 104 were intemperate persons—18 habits not ascertained—and 10 presumed to be temperate. Only ten temperate paupers out of 192!

A man rails and exclaims at a woman who no longer cares for him, and quickly forgets the loss. A woman is not so outrageous at being forsaken, but the regret lasts a long time.—*La Bruyere.*

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

The proposed Preston and Glasgow Railway, is to pass through Gretna Green. It will be easily possible to travel from London, to the forge matrimonial, and back again to London, on the same day, and what is perhaps of still greater consequence, the railroad trains cannot overtake each other, so that pursuit will be vain.

Mr. Crawshaw, the great iron master in England, has cleared £300,000 by the late advance in iron.

THE PYRAMIDS.—Late foreign papers say that the Pacha of Egypt has ordered the Pyramids to be pulled down, and the materials used in the construction of his works of internal improvements.

The Marquis of Waterford, an acquaintance of the New York Police, was arrested a few weeks since in White Hart street, Drury Lane, at about 5 o'clock in the morning, literally drunk as a Lord. He styled himself Peter Simpkins.

Over 56 fathers of poor families, fishermen on the coast of France, near the mouth of the Garonne, were drowned in a recent storm there.

Out of 119 new companies started this year in London, 41 are mining, 85 for railways, and 43 miscellaneous. Total capital 56 millions sterling.

There was a rumor in Paris, on the 19th, that the Carlists had defeated Gen. Cardova, and dispersed his army. Another that Cardova had consummated his long suspected treachery, and gone over to Don Carlos.

O'Connell has been unanimously elected to Parliament, from the borough of Kilkenny.

The Hon. Berkeley Craven, a distinguished patron of the turf, committed suicide May 19th, by shooting himself with a pistol. He had just lost some 30,000*l.* by betting at a horse race.

The Water Witch, British brig of war, lately captured a slave vessel at Whydah, on the coast of Africa, which had on board nearly 600 slaves.

A son and heir was born unto Lord King on the 19th of May, who was christened Noel Wentworth. Lady King, our readers will recollect, is the Ada, daughter of Lord Byron.

Lord Melbourne is to be tried for his alleged intercourse, with the Hon. Mrs. Norton, and if a verdict should be given against his Lordship, he would be excluded from the Palace, and, of course, must retire from head of the Ministry.

Discovery of a new Gas.—The present professor John Davy, brother of the illustrious Humphrey, deceased, has discovered a new gas, which, it is thought, will supercede the coal gas. He procured it from a black substance obtained in making the metal of potash on a large scale, in an iron bottle. It burns in contact with the air with a beautiful bright flame; denser even than the olefiant, and explodes spontaneously with the copious deposition of carbon and production of flame the instant it is brought into contact with chlorine gas, independently of the agency of light on the sun's rays. It is composed of carbon [illegible] compounds, not previously known.

Rail roads, vs. Horse Flesh.—It has been very erroneously believed that a vast quantity of uncommon horse flesh and horse provender would be thrown out of the market by the general adoption of steam. Facts are stubborn things. Here is a clincher which puts this matter to rest: The coach horses on the road to London to Manchester are 200 in number, and consume the produce of 50 acres of land; but the horse power required in connexion with the railway between Liverpool and Manchester, for drawing omnibusses, wagons, &c. exceed all the coaches between those towns.

An extraordinary award in chancery.—Died recently, the cat, Butcher, once the favourite pet of a lady, who, at her decease, left the sum of ten pounds per annum, to be appropriated to the use of this favourite specimen of the feline race. In consequence of some litigation occurring between the parties interested in the disposal of the lady's property, Butcher became a ward in chancery, and the amount of the legacy was regularly paid by the order of the court to Elizabeth Whittington, who, by a coincidence rather singular, was appointed to receive the annuity of the cat. Whether Elizabeth was a descendant of the celebrated "thrice mayor of London," does not appear.

A quarrel arose last evening, between Col. Travathan, in connexion with another individual, and John Perry, in the vicinage of this town. In the course of the wrangle, slanderous charges were made by the former gentleman against the latter, who, of course, pronounced them false. Travathan then drew a brace of pistols and shot Perry twice in the breast, and made his escape. Just as Perry received his wounds, he plunged a dagger in the breast of Travathan's companion and accomplice, when both fell to the ground, and no hopes are entertained of their recovery.—*Demopolis Bulletin, May 21.*

Poisoning a Husband by his Wife.—A Mrs. McGill has been committed at Baltimore for poisoning her husband with strawberries over which were strewn white arsenic.

They had been married but a short time but disagreed, and on Thursday last she presented him a bowl of strawberries. He at first declined eating them, as he was unwell but she told him they were "very nice" and urged him till he partook of them, refusing to eat herself at his request on the plea that she had already eaten of them. He remarked there was a white substance on the bowl; she replied it was flour—and when he had finished eating, threw the bowl out of the window with the remainder of the strawberries. The parties went out, but in the street he was taken violently ill.—A Mrs. Ray hearing of the suspicion of poison, collected the strawberries, that were thrown out of the window, they were tested by Dr. Dunan, who was called in, and found to be mixed with arsenic. The case was brought before the Grand Jury on Monday last.

On the subject of the crops in Washington county, Md. the Williamsport Banner of Saturday has the following paragraph:

A large amount of flour has been on storage in our warehouses for some time, and in consequence of the failure of the ensuing crop, is ordered by purchasers to the interior to supply the domestic demand, and obviate the scarcity which is likely to ensue, from such an unprecedented and general destruction of the wheat crop. The most intelligent and observant farmers in this neighborhood, will have their anticipations more than realized, should they succeed in saving their seed wheat. The Rye fields are unpromising in their appearance, having in many instances already exhibited traces of the rust. The Corn crop will therefore be our main dependence, and so far the prospect is encouraging.

CRUELTY.—A Captain Edward Coffin has been sentenced to pay a fine of one thousand dollars for excessive cruelty to a young man, whilst on board the ship Mentor, of Nantucket, engaged in a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean.—The punishment was so severe that it caused the young man to lose his reason, after which he was abandoned and set ashore by the Captain in the port of Payta, Peru, where in a state of idiocy he was found and conveyed home by the frigate Potomac. The punishment was brutal, and exceeded the authority vested in the hands of the Captain by the laws of his country. We know well, the correction on board of ships for long voyages is absolutely necessary; and we also well know, that many Captains frequently exercise a tyranny, when the blue water and sky surround them, and their word must be the will and law of all, that were it detailed, would not gain credence.

SKETCH OF SANTA ANNA.

Some particulars of this personage, which we have derived from gentlemen intimately acquainted with him, may be interesting to the public.

Santa Anna is about 42 years of age, and was born in the city of Vera Cruz. His father was a Spaniard of old Spain; of respectable standing, though poor; his mother was a Mexican.—He received a common education, and at the age of 13 or 14 was taken into the military family of the then Intendant of Vera Cruz, Gen. Davila, who took a great fancy to him and brought him up. He remained with Gen. D. until about the year 1826. While with Davila he was made a Major, and when installed he took the honors very coolly, and on some of his friends congratulating him he said, "Si mi hiciera dios quisiera estar algo mas." (If you were to make me a God, I should desire to be something greater.) This great developed at so early a period of his life, indicated the existence of that vaulting ambition which has ever since characterized his life.

After serving the Spanish Royal cause until 1821, he left Vera Cruz, turned against his old master and benefactor, and placed himself at the head of some irregular troops which he had raised on the sea coast, near Vera Cruz, and which are called Jarochos in their language, and which were denominated by him his Cossacks, as they are all mounted and armed with spears. With this rude cavalry he besieged Vera Cruz, drove Davila into the castle of San Juan d'Ullos, and after having been repulsed again entered at a subsequent period, and got entire possession of the city, expelling therefrom the old Spanish troops, and reducing the power of the mother country in Mexico to the walls of the castle.

Subsequent to this Davila is said to have obtained an interview with Santa Anna, and told him he was destined to act a prominent part in the history of his country, and now, says he, I will give you some advice: "Siempre vayis con los muchos" (always go with the strongest party.) He always acted up to this motto until he raised the grito, (or cry) in other words took up the cudgels for the friars and church. He then overturned the federal government and established a central despotism, of which the priests and the military were the two privileged orders. His life had been from the first of the most romantic kind, constantly in revolutions, constantly victorious, until the last fatal recontre.

His manners are extremely affable; he is full of a anecdote and humour, and makes himself exceedingly fascinating and agreeable to all who comes into his company; he is about five feet 10, rather spare, has a moderately high forehead, with black hair, short black whiskers, without mustaches, and an eye large, black, and expressive of a lurking devil in his look; he is a man of genteel and dignified deportment but of a disposition perfectly heartless; but has never evinced a savageness of character except in the massacres in which he has been implicated in Texas. He married a Spanish lady of property, a native of Alvarado, and through that marriage obtained the first part of his estate called Manga de Clavo, 6 leagues from Vera Cruz. He has three fine children, yet quite young.

The following striking anecdote of Santa Anna illustrates his peculiar quickness and management: During the revolution of 1829, while he was shut up in Oaxca, and surrounded by the Government troops, and reduced to the utmost straits for the want of money and provisions, thing a very usual occurrence in consequence of the siege and firing every day through the streets, no mass for several weeks. He had no money, and hit upon the following expedient to get it; he took possession of one of the Convents, got hold of the wardrobe of the friars, dressed himself and some of the soldiers in it, and early in the morning had the bells rung for mass. People delighted at having again an opportunity of adoring the Supreme Being, flocked to the church where he was, and after the house was pretty well filled his Friars showed their side arms and bayonets from beneath their cowls and closed the doors upon the assembled multitude. At this unexpected document there was a tremendous shrieking, when one of his officers ascended the pulpit, and told the people that he wanted $10,000 and must have it. He finally

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ASHES		Superfine	
Pot, cwt	3 50	do. N. York	4 50
Pearl	3 50	do. Philadel.	4 50
BUTTER	17 18	do. Scioto	3 50
Lancaster, lb		Trinidad	4 50
Ohio		Pearl	4 50
CHEESE		Fine Flour	4 50
Ohio, new	6 50	Fine French do.	3 50
N. York	6 50	Rye & Mixed	3 00
COAL		MACKEREL	
Lehigh, ton	5 00 5 50	No 1, shad	18 00
Schuylkill	5 00 5 50	No. 2	9 00 9 50
CONFECTIONERY		No. 3	5 00 5 25
Sugar, loaf	9 10	OIL	
do. lump	11 12	Linseed, Am. from store	1 02 1 05
Molasses	12 13	do. Dutch	
Rio Coffee	12 13	Whale, gal	48 53
COTTON, duty 3 cts per lb	11 11½	Sperm, winter	1 00
Mobile	16 17	do. summer	90 95
N. Orleans	16 17	PLASTER PARIS	
Texas	10½ 11	In Del'ware 2 00	2 10
CORDAGE		In Schuylkill	
Ala. and Tenn.		SEEDS	
N. C. and Geo.	17 19	Clover, bush	4 25 4 37½
Ohio and Va.	17 19	Flaxseed, rough	1 70 1 75
FREIGHTS		do. clean cask	
To Liverpool, per canal		Timothy, bbl	3 00 3 50
do. per ship		Herds. bush	
FLOUR and MEAL		Orchard grass	3 00
Superfine, bbl	6 75	WHISKEY	
do.	6 25	Rye in bbls	33 34
Pennsylvania	4 62	do. in hhds	30 31
Brandywine	4 62	Ohio in bbls	31 32
Baltimore	4 62	WOOL	
Alexandria	4 62	Prime Saxony, lb	
Richmond	4 62	Am. mixed, full blood	70
Georgetown	4 62	Am. mixed, half blood	60 62
Fredericksburg	4 62	Am. mixed, quarter blood	50 55
Petersburg	4 62	Pulled, Lambs	60 65
Richmond City	4 62	Pulled, Spinning	60 65
Baltimore, Ohio, in bbls	18 7 18 50	Pulled, Superfine	70 75
GRAIN		Pulled, Extra	75 80
Wheat, Pa.	95 95	Am. mixed, full blood, unwashed	47
Rye, Pa.	60 65	Am. mixed, half blood, unwashed	38 42
Corn, new, Pa.	1 00 1 05	Am. mixed, quarter blood, unwashed	30 35
Corn, South bonded	58 1 02	Am. mixed, tow, unwashed	40 43
Corn, L. C. white	73 75	Am. mixed, fleece washed	48
Corn, L. C. yellow	80 82	Am. mixed, full blood, unwashed	40
Corn, U. C. round	82 83	Am. mixed, half blood, unwashed	38
Oats, Pa.	43 46	Am. mixed, quarter blood, unwashed	30
Barley, Eastern		Am. mixed, tow, unwashed	25 28
Barley, Eastern		Saxony, pulled, hands	50
Rye, Pa.	77 80	No. 1, do.	45 48
HAY		No. 2, do.	38 40
Timothy, Pa.		No. 3, do.	25 30
Timothy, Del.	18 19	Spanish, R. F. A. S.	60 1 00
HOGS		Spanish, R. F. A. S.	55 1 00
Western, net	5 25 5 50	do. bucks	35 1 00
Western, gross	4 75 5		
Western, fat	5 50		
Eastern, net	5 50		
Eastern, gross	5		
MOLASSES			
New Orleans	45 47		

JOHNSON'S SATURDAY EVENING POST.

PHILADELPHIA.

Saturday, June 25, 1836.

NAVAL.

We are glad to perceive that a Bill has been reported in the House of Representatives, and is likely to be passed into a law this session that will cause an entire reorganization of our naval equipments; this has been for some time wanted—Too long has a naval force, altogether inadequate to the protection of our merchants, our commerce, rendered our paltry armaments for the purposes for which they should be made to minister, altogether farcical; but we believe that this will be altered, and that a naval force, adequate to our wants, will be in readiness to uphold our interests, should our interests require its aid.

NEW ORLEANS.

The New Orleans papers bring us word that the subscriptions towards establishing a line of packets between that city and Liverpool are few indeed, whilst the subscriptions towards supporting an Italian Company are made with the utmost avidity—by which it would appear that the interests of the merchants were subservient to their pleasures.

The most interesting news however from that quarter is a projected plan to drain the unhealthful and fever engendering swamps whose vapours producing fearful epidemics, annually carry off thousands who visit that spot which has been not unhappily styled by a cotemporary, the grave of Americans. We hailed this plan, as we are sure did all who knew of it with most unfeigned delight, a prospect of removing the terrible scourge which has hitherto hung over the doomed city kindled in our breast the warmest sympathy—We entertained no doubt of the success of the project knowing as we do how effectually the fens of England and the marshes of Holland have been drained, but the plan has failed, where it might, it ought to have succeeded—it has failed through the bungling manner with which it has been conducted, and the wonderful apathy with which these merchants generally have treated this project fraught with so much good to themselves and their city—that a monument erected to perpetuate the projectors names would be but a just tribute to their services—We sincerely trust that the business may be taken up as it ought to be, and that the present failure may quicken the company into renewed efforts to accomplish the good work. Persevere and prosper.

THE CROPS.

There appears to be a general apprehension of a scarcity of crops, at the ensuing harvest. The wheat appears to have been very extensively injured by the last long and severe winter, and other grains exhibit a scanty appearance. Farmers should plant potatoes, more plentifully than usual, because they have been a complete drug for many months past, as well as on account of the lightness of the grain crops. A sagacious Farmer, that we have heard of, always planted a large quantity of potatoes, when they were very plentiful, on the ground, that they were uniformly scarce and high, the ensuing season. The New Castle Gazette, thus alludes to the subject:

A Hint to Farmers.—Having just returned from a visit to the lower part of our state, it leaves us no room to hope that the wheat crop will be restored, nor no doubt that it will be a failure to a greater extent than has ever been experienced. We would therefore recommend to Farmers, to plant largely of Potatoes, to replant Corn where it has been injured, and also to sow three of four times the usual quantity of Buck-wheat, as all these things will be required to make up the deficiency in the wheat crop. Would it not be well for Agricultural Societies, to offer large premiums for the discovery of a mode, to prevent the ravages of the fly? It is possible that there may be some remedy for the evil, and a large premium would induce various experiments on the subject.

The knowledge of the true remedy for a deranged currency appears to be spreading, and the public mind bids fair to be speedily fully enlightened on a subject lately benighted by prejudice and party rage. Merchants of all parties in New York, Providence, Boston, and Richmond, alarmed at the disastrous state of their exchanges, have urged the "Monster" to establish agencies among them. The citizens of Pittsburg petitioned for a Branch with the greatest unanimity, and a branch has been accordingly extended to them. A memorial signed by about *two thousand* of the most respectable citizens of Beaver county (some of them most violent denunciators of the Bank a short time since) for the establishment of a branch there was presented to the Bank on Monday last which will probably be favourably responded to by that institution—a Branch near the Falls and Mouth of Beaver, will be an additional and a most valuable auxiliary to the natural advantages of that highly favoured place.

U. S. BANK, *of Pennsylvania.*—We learn from the Richmond Whig, that a memorial extensively signed by the merchants and traders of Richmond, has been forwarded to the Directors of the U. S. Bank, at Philadelphia, soliciting or suggesting the establishment of an agency of that Bank in Richmond, similar to that recently established by request of the Boston merchants, in their city. The Whig thinks that if the measure should be acceded to, it would be productive of much relief to Richmond, and of much advantage to the State, whose agricultural produce must suffer greatly in price, from the inability of the Virginia State Banks to afford the usual business facilities. That paper, however, on what grounds we know not, deems it improbable that the U. S. Bank will accede to the application for an agency at Richmond.

A French paper calls attention to the fact, that in the month of August next, the city of Rome will number 2584 years since its foundation, ab urbe condita.

We entirely agree with the views of the editor of the United States Gazette, touching the newspaper discussion that has been going on, in reference to Robinson's case, and in which the integrity of the Court, and fidelity of the Attorney General, have been freely canvassed, and, in some cases, hahily questioned. It cannot be justified on any ground. It is, in the first place, carried to the extent it has been, by some journals, a violation of law. Judge Peck, it will be recollected, imprisoned a member of the St. Louis bar, "for publishing strictures on his judicial decisions," and the Senate of the United States, held the Judge was justified in doing so. The publication was a "contempt of Court," and this doctrine of contempt of court, is not of modern origin, but has been law wherever and whenever the common law has prevailed; and is founded, like other parts of that system, in wisdom and experience.

What, for instance, would be the effect of a half dozen journals, daily engaging in discussing the business before the courts, in such a tone as their feelings or interests might dictate, and with such very inadequate means of judging of the correctness of the proceedings they would set in judgment upon?

Their partisan services might soon come to be as valuable to suitors, as they are known to be to politicians. The laws could never be well administered, in a community were constant assaults upon the court or its officers should succeed, as succeed they might, in bringing the courts into disrepute with the people. For we know what the press is capable of, in this respect, when it would seek a "bad eminence."

The decision of the judge, takes property from one man and gives it to another; deprives a citizen of his liberty, and shuts him up in prison, or dooms him to the gallows. In order to the peaceful exercise of this great authority, in addition to the law that confers on the judge the power, he stands in need of the confidence of the community, the weight and force of public opinion—the presumption in his favor, that in all cases he holds the scales with an even hand, and preserves unsoiled the pure ermine that is the emblem of his office. But permit him every time he appears in court, to be attacked and criticised by every penny post, as you would a play actor, and whatever the effect upon the judge (which would much depend upon his character, virtues and firmness), there can be no doubt as to what would be the effect upon the community—the dignity of the bench and the solemnity of its decisions, would soon come to be little reverenced or respected.

The situation of a judge is unlike that of any other officer under the government: it is necessarily so, from his vocation and offices, and therefore the maxim that some seem to act on, and that the Pennsylvanian seemed the other day to apply to this case, "that every public man is fair game to be hunted down," does not by any means suit here. He cannot even defend himself when attacked—for who would expect to see a judge entering the list with every anonymous newspaper scribbler, who might, from ignorance, or a spirit of revenge, see fit to attack his judicial character.

But though Judge Edwards, in the particular case, has, of course, nothing to say, the silence of the Attorney General, Mr. Phœnix, who has been most shamefully attacked by several presses, was not so much a matter of course. He has very properly treated them, by his silence, not "according to their own deserts, but according to his own honor."

There never was a more groundless, wanton, wicked charge, as it appears to us—a charge, not directly preferred in the shape of any thing tangible—but vague conjectures, suspicions and hints, conveyed through the form of insinuations and innuendoes, than such as the Sun in particular has extended towards this gentleman, and seemed to connect him with. We repeat, that the silence of the Attorney General, seems to be his best answer, particularly if it is the silence of contempt.

Is there then, it is asked, to be no remedy when a judge or an officer of a court, does not faithfully discharge his duty? It is among other reasons, for the very reason, that there is provided by the law a most ample remedy that this ostracism system of New York, ought not to be resorted to. If a judge is false, impeach him—the constitution has provided for the very case. If the Attorney General is unfaithful, lay the *facts* before the executive, and ask for his dismissal. This is the way, "at least 't was so sixty years ago," and may it continue, if we would have system and order in any thing, for sixty years to come.

THE DEPOSITORY.

Among the many admirable eleemosynary, charitable, and other institutions of our fair city, intended in some measure to make up to the unfortunate their losses, or at least to alleviate their burdens and smooth as far as may be the rugged path that misfortune or some of the casualties that beset life has assigned them, there is none more deserving patronage and support than the Depository.

It is situated in Chesnut street above Twelfth, and just in front of the Gothic Mansion. It was first established some four or five years since, by a small number of ladies, whose munificence is only equalled by their goodness; and was organized by appointing twelve managers, obtaining a large list of annual subscribers from among the ladies of the city at one dollar a year each; the fund to be appropriated to renting a building hiring, a young woman to attend it, and supplying indigent but respectable ladies, those who may have known better days, with work; either by furnishing them with materials purchased by the society, or with such as might be received at the Depository to be made up, and the entire profits, deducting a small commission, for contingent expenses, to go to those engaged in the making or manufacture of the articles.

The advantages are that by this course the entire profits of their labour are secured to this most interesting but neglected class; and again that they are spared any direct traffic, or bargaining with the public, for which in most cases their habits and associations in life have probably little fitted them, and by a privacy, which half disarms in their case poverty of its sting, permits them to enjoy the fruits of their industry without either the mortification of soliciting work, or the notoriety that their changed fortunes require them to perform it. Nothing could be better devised, and nothing but *female taste and female delicacy*, could have devised any thing half so well.

The Depository ought to be patronized. It should become fashionable. It should be regarded a merit in our ladies to make up their wardrobes largely from its deposits. Loveliness could not but appear the more lovely, that the means resorted to for adornment had helped to place within the reach of some unfortunate widow, or orphaned daughter, some houseless child of want, the means of comfort and support. The motive to the purchase would beautify *itself*. The beauty of the action should render the object in all eyes more attractive than the most costly gems or the richest finery.

Do the young gentlemen of the city generally know that they may have linen made up at the Depository in the most fashionable stile, and in the neatest and best possible manner? The opportunity is so good that it might be embraced even in anticipation, to provide for a future day.

The variety and richness of the articles exposed to sale at the Depository should attract both our citizens and strangers. The skill and taste bestowed on the beautiful embroidery, the neat worked muslins you behold, was not perchance acquired with a view to such an exhibition, but the accomplishment for the leisure hour has been turned to the *daily task*, by those who may probably now exclaim with the poor exile "not that I am the first that has been wretched but to think how much I have been happier!" The tasty little articles that would have under other circumstances adorned the private toilet, or been wrought for some friend or cousin as a pretty present, are now relied on as the means of support. They are yours stranger, if you will but buy—buy and pay liberally, and may the good deed like charity "bless twice."

SURPLUS REVENUE AND DEPOSIT BILL PASSED!!

We are extremely gratified in being able to state that the Bill for Distributing the Surplus Revenue and regulating the Public Deposits has passed both House of Congress by overwhelming majorities—in the House of Representatives by 155 yeas to 30 nays. The bill was amended in the House to suit the views of the President, which was agreed to by the Senate with only one or two dissenting voices.

The leaders of the party finding they could not prevent its passage by the constitutional majority two-thirds, in case of the President's Veto, they made a virtue of necessity and induced the President to change his stubborn determination to prevent its becoming a law, on condition that "*the distribution should receive the character of simple deposits, to be called for whenever the exigencies of the country may demand them.*"—These deposits will be given to the States *without interest*, and repayment may never be called for.

As it will be a *law* either with or without the President's signature, we have to congratulate our fellow citizens, on the removal of almost the only clog to the general prosperity—and although the distribution will not commence till the first of next year, yet the certainty of its then taking place, will essentially restore confidence and relieve the difficulties which have overshadowed the community for so many months past.

THEATRICAL.

Madame Celeste has been playing during the week at the Chesnut street Theatre, a farce has been produced called The Wandering Minstrel. Burton is the hero of it, and is admirably suited with a new and choice comic character—Walton introduces "My Pretty Jane" in it with great effect.

At the American Theatre Walnut street, Benefits have been the order of the day or rather night—Conner the great favourite of the stock actors there, took his benefit on Monday, and produced a highly effective piece, since played, called the Drunkard's Last Nail—Miss Waring took her benefit on Wednesday, a highly talented lady Miss Waring is, and merits all the applause she gets—Mrs. Willis whose natural and unaffected acting always delights us has fixed her benefit for Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ternan who have been playing to excellent houses in Wilmington, have gone on to Canada—Jack Reeve is at the Park, New York, Balls at the Tremont, Boston, and Walback, Jim Crow, and the Woods on the ocean.

The steamboat John Walker was blown up at Wilmington, N. C. on the 10th inst. Capt. Dickinson, and two others were killed.

LITERARY NOTICES.

MANUAL OF CLASSICAL LITERATURE—*Philadelphia—Key & Biddle.* This is a translation from the German of Professor Eschenberg of Brunswick, by N. W. Fiske, professor of classics in Amherst college, Me. Among the many books of the season, the "Manual of Classical Literature" is without a rival, being one of the most valuable publications that we have seen for some time. To the classic student and man of letters, the learned researches of Eschenberg will open a vast field for study and instruction, and it will be found a text book, copious, clear and complete, adapted to the wants of all who make literature an object of attention. It is divided into five parts, each of which embraces a distinct era of the literature, or general history of the ancients. The *first* contains an archaeological view of literature and the arts in their primal condition, from the days of the Pelasgi up to the age of Petrarch. The *second part*, under the head of Art, gives a history of the sculpture, engraving, paintings and architecture of the ancients. The *third* part treats of Greek and Roman poetry, oratory, philosophy and scholiastes. The antiquities of these people are classed under the *fourth* head, and in the *fifth*, we are furnished with a most interesting epitome of classical geography, chronology, &c. To speak of the merits of this work as a literary production would be a task of supererogation, inasmuch as the well deserved reputation both of the author and translator, fully establish its claims to rank among the very best of our classic manuals.

THE PASTOR'S OFFERING is the title of a neat little volume of two hundred and fifty pages, by the Rev. J. M. Davis, of this city. It forms a series of lectures upon Courtship and Marriage, &c. shows the origin and importance of the marriage institution—the evil of indiscreet unions—circumstances to be considered in entering upon marriage consequences, &c. &c. An introduction is given by the Rev. J. M. Duffield. In the third lecture, the author has laid down certain rules that should govern the sexes in the selection of marriage-companions. To the ladies, he says, Do not marry a fop—a spendthrift—a miser—a man who is not industrious in some honourable vocation—one who is irritable, violent and overbearing in temper—a sceptic—a man of questionable morality, &c.

To the celebs he recommends not to marry a *slattern—a tattler, a scold*—a woman of dictatorial spirit or tyrannical disposition. The subject is one of much importance, and the reverend author takes an utilitarian view of it, which make his lectures interesting.

It is published by Mr. Henry Perkins, Chesnut st.

KING SOLOMON'S COUNSELS TO THE YOUNG—*By the Rev. Horace Hooker, Hartford—Burgess & Co. publishers.* We have in the work—a duodecimo, handsomely issued in embossed binding,—selections from the proverbs of Solomon, arranged and illustrated by appropriate examples. "The Child's book on the Sabbath," published not long since by the same authors, was highly extolled for the moral character of its contents, and this work is written for the same purpose and in the same style. It is happily adapted to the comprehension of the young mind, and is stored with judicious matter, calculated to benefit the class of readers to whom it is dedicated.

Mr. Perkins is the agent.

We have received from Mr. Henry Manly, No. 19 Branch street a copy of a work entitled "Slavery in the South."—We have not had sufficient leisure to give it an attentive perusal—and can only say, that as far as we can judge, by a hasty glance at some of the chapters it is written with considerable ability. Its author is said to be a Philadelphian.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.—*A lecture upon the Prussian system of Education.*—We are informed in the preface to this neat little volume, that the writer having been long convinced that the institutions of New England, for popular education fulfilled the design of such education, but very imperfectly, desirous also, to "exclude boasting," and to substitute, if possible, some actual improvements in practice, such as might accomplish the true design of popular instruction, took occasion, in the summer of 1835, to publish in a weekly paper, a series of articles, very imperfectly illustrative of the actual state, and possible amendment of the common schools of the country. Those anonymous speculations, not ascribed to any female, suggesting some applications of Prussian system of education to the American people, were so far acceptable to some of the most intelligent members of the American Institute of Boston, that they applied to the writer for more detailed illustrations of that system. There were readily furnished, and, in the form of the annexed discourse, were read, as a lecture to the writer, by George S. Hillard, Esq. in August, 1835.

Other documents and observations, in relation to this great public interest, are subjoined for further illustration of it. The whole claims no other merit than the desire to diffuse sound and practical ideas among all who take any part in meliorating and exalting generally, by means of a rational, and truly moral education of all classes of the people."

It is written by a lady, and contains much sound information upon the subject of education, and from an examination of the author's views we fully concur in the opinion as expressed by her, that the same a work if applied to the school system in the United States, would lead to important and beneficial results.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE A. S. POST.

WASHINGTON, June 23d, 1836.

Dear Sir—I hope you do not expect much news at present—for I can do, I fear you, but little in that way. It is a sort of dead low water with us, at present, no novelty of any kind is to be had. Congress is still in session, but their debates have lost much of their interest, and I seldom pay one the gallery a quarter of an hour at a time. The members generally are tired to death, and are longing exceedingly for the fleshpots of Egypt. Mr. Hynes the great self appointed Union agency man, was tried yesterday, and unanimously on a plea of insanity, he has not been treated with much consideration in prison, he was deprived of his clothes, and without a bed, during the first part of his confinement, until some of the jurors, that he had duped, took pity upon him and sent him a bed, got his clothes restored, &c. He assured them that the money would certainly come on to pay his debts, and enable him to meet his engagements, but as money did not come on, he declared himself an injured man, and that he had been deceived. I wonder that he did not accuse the bank of having taken the money out of his iron chests, and so burst up at once in the place! I have no doubt that he would have found people to believe him. As it is he is at large, and at liberty to go to some other city—take a fourth name, and set up anew. He is said to have obtained about three thousand dollars from various disciples in this city.—He had succeeded in swearing in nearly three hundred persons to his Union, and his evidence was about bringing actions against them, as members of the Union, for his debts, and I understand the actions can be maintained. Those who have been cajoled look rather *blue*, as turn it which way they will, whether he was a knave or a lunatic, he has equally succeeded in making fools of them.

There has been some talk of releasing from "durance vile" Lawrence, the man who attempted to assassinate the President, but it is postponed for the present, as however rational on most subjects, the moment the President is mentioned, he is (or pretends to be) in great agitation and invoking maledictions on his head, declares his determination to kill him! He might be set at liberty notwithstanding, for all those who anathematize Gen. Jackson, and wish for his death, are to be kept confined, Congress had better apply the surplus of the public revenue to build a prison, ours is not half large enough to contain them.

The late duel between Messrs. Bynum and Jenifer, is still the subject of a good deal of gossiping.—After so much talk and preparation, the affair was an upshot for the result it was thought that nothing less than the destruction of our principal, and severe wounds on the part of the other could happen, when two such drawcansirs met in terrible array. The city marshall and his myrmidons were on the alert, and sought for the champions in every place where they were not, to prevent the dreadful effusion of christian blood; another time they will probably spare their labour, convinced by experience that such efforts are works of supererogation. The seconds seemed to be in the most danger; and one report states that after *loading*, they always retreated behind a board fence, another report says that they placed themselves directly behind their principals from an innate conviction, that "there alone was safety to be found!" The gentlemen are rather great fallers, and endeavour to make the best of it, by ascribing to design the premature firing which is generally thought to be the effect of trepidation. I do not wish to be hard on them, I am not sorry that the remainder proved to be an old gentleman, who had *turned out* a few times in his life, called it 'a harmless gasconade;' but I do think that the gentlemen deserve to be laughed at for making such warlike demonstrations, with such peaceful intentions. The next time they intend to do battle, I would advise the old fashioned weapon of a sand bag fastened to a stick. Lots might be prepared for them and all the *beauty and fashion* of the city might witness their prowess.

Congress is hard at work yet, but the doings of the two Houses remind me of the old jest "John, what are you about?" "*Nothing sir,*" "Bill, what are you doing," "I am *helping* John sir" They meet early, and extend their sittings into the night, but might exclaim like the fishermen, "Master, we have toiled all night, and have caught nothing."

In the Senate this week, Mr. Page from New Hampshire took his oath, &c. in the place of Mr. Hill.

Messrs. Clay and Niles, presented memorials and resolutions from their respective states, praying Congress to recognize the Independence of Texas. Mr. Niles spoke upon the subject at some length, but whether in support of the resolution or not, I can scarcely say. He however recommended delay and caution, and moved that the resolutions should be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Walker, seemed of opinion that if we intended to do any thing, now was the appointed time. But he made no objection to its reference to the committee, as he trusted they would act promptly and wisely on them.

The bill for the regulation of the public monies was then taken up; Mr. Benton moved to authorize the President to cause transfers to be made from time to time, to the branch mints of the United States, of bullion, foreign coins, and imperfect coins of the United States to be recoined. Some remarks were made upon the subject by several Senators, after which the question was taken, and decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Benton's second resolution or amendment, that the public monies should be placed in the banks, in case any of the deposite banks should refuse to keep the public monies, was decided in the negative. I believe I mentioned these rejections in my last, but did not say what they were.

On Tuesday after a long debate, the House fixed the day of adjournment, for the 4th day of July, and this was carried all the business they finished for the day.

On Tuesday in Senate, a message was received from the House of Representatives, stating that the House has passed the bill from the Senate, "Respectfully to the act to establish the northern boundary line of Ohio, and for the admission of Michigan into the Union," and "the bill supplementary to the act for the admission of Arkansas into the Union, and to provide for the execution of the laws of the United States in the same," and "the bill to provide for the execution of the laws of the United States, in Michigan," with amendments in which they asked the concurrence of the Senate. The Senate agreed to the amendment of the two first bills, and laid the third amendment on the table. The bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to act as agent of the United States, in all matters relating to the Bank of the United States, was read a third time and passed.

The Senate then took up the bill regulating the public deposites, and after a great number of amendments were offered and generally rejected, some few were agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

In the House on Thursday evening, the Fortification Bill was taken up, and occupied the time of the House till they adjourned for the night.

The House has now a regular recess, from two o'clock to four, but I understand they have some difficulty to get a quorum after dinner. Indeed the motion to have a regular recess, would not have been carried, had it not been made just at the dinner hour, when the mention of the motion made the member's mouths water, so they passed the resolution. Some of the members began to think that there would be no adjournment at all, and sent for their wives, but now the season of gaiety is over, the ladies show no great inclination to come on to cheer the few leisure hours of their lords and masters.

Some of the ladies who do come on during the season, would consult their credits if they kept themselves at home, for they render themselves so ridiculous by their airs and graces, that they themselves form a capital fund of amusement, for those do not offer their good nature to overcome the sense of the ridiculous. They are aware that as wives of members they will receive more attention and respect, than they are in the habit of receiving at home, and not knowing where to draw the line, they out-Herod Herod in their pretensions. I have heard of one who abused the chambermaid for "not styling *her* the *Hon.* Mrs.——! She was a member's lady and ought to be called *Hon.* as well as her husband!" Another who I suppose ought to be called the *Hon.* Mrs. H——, having been in company with some ladies of the city, who were rather reserved in their manners, observed that "she did not think it was reserve, but the ladies undoubtedly felt they were inferior to member's ladies!" Sancta Trinidada! think of that! A third finding letters were free of postage when her husband wrote his name in one corner, undertook to frank herself, and a letter was absolutely sent back to the gentleman from the office, with a polite message that the post master, presumed some of the servants had forged his name! But the blunders and mortifications of these ladies will not entertain your readers, so I will give you no more of them.

On Friday, the House passed the bill, or resolution from the Senate, to furnish the vacant pannels in the Rotunda of the Capitol, with four historical paintings, by American artists. The House then had Chamber spell at the Fortification Bill, which occupied them the rest of the day.

In the Senate on Saturday, the Chair communicated a letter from the Hon. M. Naudain, resigning his seat as Senator. Many reports were received from various committees, and a number of motions were made upon different subjects, after which the Deposite Bill was taken up, and occupied the attention of the Senate the whole day.

It was opposed by Messrs. Wright, Walker and Benton and advocated by Messrs Webster, Buchanan, Rives, Talmadge, Clay and Niles, and finally passed in the affirmative, yeas 29, nays 6. The Senate then adjourned.

The House at an evening session on Friday, again took up the Fortification Bill, the question pending, being the appropriation for the support of the army for 1836. On motion of Mr. Granger, the proviso for estate along a national foundery was struck out without a count. The sum to be appropriated was next reduced from $700,000, to $600,000. Many other amendments were offered and generally rejected, some few were agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

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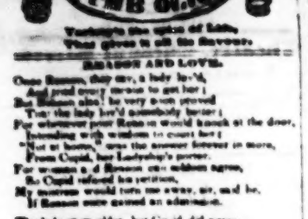

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